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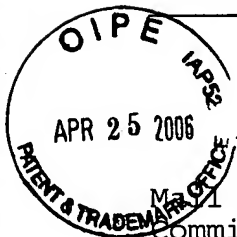
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For : METHOD OF CONTROLLING  
LOCALIZED SHAPE OF A DATA  
HEAD AND FOR CHARACTERIZING  
THE SHAPE  
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT



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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 27, 2006 in which claims 1-42 were restricted to the following inventions:

I. Claims 1-26, drawn to a method of processing a head slider; and

II. Claims 27-42, drawn to a method of characterizing the shape of a surface.

Applicants elect to prosecute the inventions recited in claims 1-26.

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